The State Government's clarifications/specific views on the observations of the Union Ministries have been received and are under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

Meeting of National Integration Council

2893. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons of not calling the meeting of National Integration Council in last few years; and

(b) whether Government intend to reorganise NIC in near future and convene its meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The meeting of National Integration Council has not been convened in the last few years as it was not reconstituted. The reconstitution of the Council is under consideration of the Government at the moment.

Seizure of pen/pencil pistols

2894. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force and/or other police or para-military organisations have recently arrested some militants in the Kashmir Valley and seized some pen/pencil pistols from them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to counter the threat of such small but highly dangerous arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the available reports on pen pistol was recovered by the Border Security Force from an abandoned house in J&K.

(c) The changing security situation in the State and available intelligence inputs are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in meetings of Operations Groups and Intelligence Groups at various levels to meet the emerging threats and ground level requirements of fighting the terrorists. Security forces at the field level have sensitised to keep watch against use of small dangerous arms.